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For : ELECTRODE PLATE UNIT FOR RECHARGEABLE BATTERY AND
MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

TERMINAL DISCLAIMER

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Sir :

Your petitioners, Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. Ltd., a corporation of Japan, whose business address is 1006, Oaza Kadoma, Kadoma-shi, Osaka 571-8501 Japan, and Toyota Jidosha Kabushiki Kaisha, whose business address is 1, Toyota-cho, Toyota-shi, Aichi 471-8571 Japan, represent that they are joint owners of record of the entire right, title and interest of the above-identified application by virtue of an assignment recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 27, 2001 at Reel 012038, Frame 0579 of U.S. Application No. 09/664,323 for ELECTRODE PLATE UNIT FOR RECHARGEABLE BATTERY AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF.

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